

CITY OF LABELLE



MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM

LaBelle Commission Chambers
481 West Hickpochee Ave
LaBelle, FL 33975

CITY COMMISSION:

Julie C. Wilkins., Mayor
Kevin Holland, Commissioner
Jackie Ratica, Commissioner
Bobbie Spratt, Commissioner
Hugo Vargas, Commissioner

ADMINISTRATION:

Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, Deputy City Clerk
Derek Rooney, Esq., City Attorney
Mitchell Wills, Superintendent PW

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkins at 6:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Julie C. Wilkins
Commissioner Kevin Holland
Commissioner Jackie Ratica
Commissioner Bobbie Spratt
Commissioner Hugo Vargas
City Attorney Derek Rooney
Deputy City Clerk Tijauna Warner

3. Additions of Emergency Basis From Mayor, Deletions and Approval of Agenda Items

None.

4. Presentations

A. Margaret England Certificate of Recognition

The City of LaBelle City Commission presented Margaret England with a certificate of recognition.

B. Mary Bartoshuk Certificate of Recognition

The City of LaBelle City Commission presented Mary Bartoshuk with a certificate of recognition.

City Commission Meeting Recessed at 6:06 PM

City Commission Reconvened at 7:07 PM

C. FY2023-2024 Audit - Daniel Anderson, Mauldin & Jenkins CPA's & Advisors

Daniel Anderson gave a brief overview of the City of LaBelle's FY2023-2024 Audit.

5. Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

(Any commissioner or citizen may request to have an item removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for further discussion.)

A. Approval of May Check Register

B. Approval of May Minutes:

May 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of Staff Reports:

-HCSO- Lt. Allen Hudson

- Fire Department- Chief Brent Stevens
- Building Department- Mark Lynch
- Code Enforcement- Zane Mungillo
- Woodard & Curran- Justin deMello

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Consent Agenda Items removing Item D. Code Enforcement Settlement, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

6. Non-Public Hearing Items for Consideration

(Limited to 15 minutes per item: 3-5 minutes optional presentation time with the remaining time for discussion by the Commission)

A. Code Enforcement Settlement – LaBelle Rentals

Kate English represented the LaBelle Rentals and gave a brief statement about her client's support of the settlement.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve the Code Enforcement Settlement with LaBelle Rentals, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

B. Funding for Capital Improvements

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve Funding for Capital Improvement Transfer, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

7. Public Hearings and/or Ordinances

A. ORDINANCE 2025-01(second reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY YEAR-ROUND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION MEASURES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Derek Rooney read Ordinance 2025-01 title into the record.

No Public Comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Ratica to approve Ordinance 2025-01, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed 4-1.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland
Voting Nay: Commissioner Spratt

B. Hendry County Interlocal Agreement Fuel Tax Revenue

No Public Comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve Hendry County Interlocal Agreement Fuel Tax Revenue, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

- C. ORDINANCE 2025 - 02 (first reading) LABELLE CHAPTER 144 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-14 FOR THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FLEA MARKET PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; ADDING 0.48+/- ACRES TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR PARKING; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Derek Rooney read Ordinance 2025-02 title into the record.

No Public Comments.

The City Commission consented to Ordinance 2025-02 moving forward to the second reading.

- D. ORDINANCE 2025 - 03 (first reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE CODE, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE V, STREET VENDING; AND AMENDING APPENDIX B, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE V, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, CREATING SECTION 4-92; AMENDING REGULATIONS RELATING TO MOBILE VENDING; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2025-03 moved to the July 10, 2025 City Commission Meeting.

- E. ORDINANCE 2025 - 04 (first reading) THE RESIDENCES AT GRANDE OAKS ANNEXATION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, ANNEXING A 26.26+/--ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ¼ MILE SOUTH OF HELMS ROAD AND WEST OF STATE ROAD 29, INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANNEXATION PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 171, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF SAID CITY IN CONFORMANCE THEREWITH; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOUNDARY MAP OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT EXISTING FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS REMAIN UNTIL CHANGED BY THE CITY ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE 13 DATE.

Ordinance 2025-04 was found not in compliance during Local Planning Agency Meeting.

- F. ORDINANCE 2025 - 05 (first reading) THE RESIDENCES AT GRANDE OAKS SMALL-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AMENDMENT AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A SMALL-SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR A 26.26+/--ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ¼ MILE SOUTH OF HELMS ROAD AND WEST OF STATE ROAD 29; AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION FOR THE PROPERTY FROM UNINCORPORATED HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN "HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL" DESIGNATION TO THE CITY OF LABELLE "OUTLYING MIXED USE" DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2025-05 was found not in compliance during Local Planning Agency Meeting.

- G. ORDINANCE 2025 - 06 (first reading) THE RESIDENCES AT GRAND OAKS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF LABELLE ZONING MAP FOR A 26.26+/-ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ¼ MILE SOUTH OF HELMS ROAD AND WEST OF STATE ROAD 29, AMENDING THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM UNINCORPORATED HENDRY COUNTY GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT TO CITY OF LABELLE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2025-06 was found not in compliance during Local Planning Agency Meeting.

- H. RESOLUTION 2025 - 03 495 DAVIS STREET FENCE VARIANCE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, ALLOWING FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE FENCE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 4-84, TO ALLOW FOR A 5-FOOT CHAIN LINK FENCE IN A FRONT YARD THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE DWELLING UNIT AT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 495 DAVIS STREET; IN THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Derek Rooney read Resolution 2025-03 title into the record.

Patty Kulak gave a brief description of Resolution 2025-03.

No Public Comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas to approve Resolution 2025-03 Variance request at 495 Davis Street, with the following condition(s): The variance request applies to the property described in Exhibit 'A' and the fence is limited to a 5-foot tall, black chain link fence with three 12-wide double gates as shown on the Site Plan, Seconded by Commissioner Spratt. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

8. City Related Business by Commissioners

Mayor Wilkins requested to add the appointment residents to the Housing Authority Commission and a commissioner to the Tourist Development Council.

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve appointing Sherri Denning and K.C. Lynn to the Housing Authority Commission, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to approve the removal of Commissioner Jackie Ratica and the appointment of Commissioner Kevin Holland to the Tourist Development Council, Seconded by Commissioner Ratica. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

Mayor Wilkins requested setting the budget workshop dates. A discussion ensued. The City Commission set the following workshop dates and times:

Monday, June 23, 2025 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday July 10, 2025 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday July 24, 2025 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday July, 31, 2025 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Mayor Wilkins requested the City Commission's consent to proceed with an agreement whereby the City of LaBelle's Animal Control Department would provide services to the Montura area east of Pioneer Plantation, with funding to be provided by Hendry County. The proposal includes the addition of two (2) animal control officers and two (2) vehicles to support the expanded coverage. Following discussion, the City Commission granted consent for Hendry County to move forward with the proposed animal control plans.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Spratt to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Vargas. Mayor Wilkins called for the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Wilkins, Commissioner Ratica, Commissioner Spratt, Commissioner Vargas, Commissioner Holland

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.



Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor



ATTEST: Tijauna Warner, BAS, MMC, City Clerk

